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Railroad Museum Debuts New Photo Exhibit *Steam: An Enduring Legacy* on March 9

***Plus, Special Presentation and Book Signing Opportunity with
Railroad Photographer Joel Jensen on Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.***

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California State Railroad Museum, in collaboration with the Center for Railroad Photography & Art, will debut a visually-enticing new photo exhibit titled *Steam: An Enduring Legacy, the Railroad Photographs of Joel Jensen* on Friday, March 9, 2012. To help kick-off this exciting exhibit, Joel Jensen will deliver two special presentations in the Railroad Museum Theater on Sunday, March 11, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., each to be followed by book signing opportunities.

Showcasing 50 dramatic black-and-white images, the exhibit features a selection of railroad photographs taken and published in a new book of the same name by the famed railroad photographer. Visitors to the Railroad Museum will see how Joel Jensen has artfully succeeded in visually capturing the bygone era of steam railroading and, in fact, has documented virtually every major steam operation west of the Mississippi. Although regularly scheduled steam locomotives for American trains were virtually gone by 1960, Jensen's dramatic photographs of steam locomotives beautifully capture the spirit of American railroading throughout the West. The images featured in the new photo exhibit showcase the immense mechanical power available at the time but also demonstrate the human component needed to keep the trains operating in the late 19th century and early 20th century.

While there is no cost to attend the special presentations, regular Museum admission fees apply. The photographic book *Steam: An Enduring Legacy, the Railroad Photographs of Joel Jensen* (W.W. Norton & Company) is also available for purchase in the Museum Store.

The exhibit *Steam: An Enduring Legacy* will remain on display through July 29, 2012. For more information about the exhibit or presentation, or other upcoming activities happening at the California State Railroad Museum, call 916-445-6645 or visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org. Or, for more information about Joel Jensen, his book or the Center for Railroad Photography & Art, visit www.railphoto-art.org.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and

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